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Today's weather: Light or moderate east winds. Cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle.
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LEOPOLD DECLINES TO COMPROMISE ON HIS GESTURE

Brussels, Apr. 25.—The National Executive of the Belgian Liberal Party tonight passed a resolution calling on its delegates to the three-Party talks for a compromise solution to the Royal problem, to go ahead with the negotiations.

The Liberal negotiators were urged to "wind up these talks under the condition that an exercise of the Royal prerogatives by Crown Prince Baudouin will be ensured, thus allowing to achieve a national understanding."

M. Auguste Van Gorp, Minister of outgoing Liberal Minister of Health, said, "The Flemish Liberal will never agree to a banishment of the King."

"We do not agree in this with the Socialists," he added.

Usually well-informed circles have stated tonight that "prospects of a new Catholic-Liberal Coalition Government, under Premier Van Zeeland, are bleak."

M. Max Buset, Chairman of the Belgian Socialist Party, tonight accused King Leopold of sabotaging deliberately the three-Party negotiations for a compromise solution of Belgium's constitutional crisis.

"The King has adopted a take it or leave it attitude. In fact, this morning M. Van Zeeland requested the parties to answer yes or no to the King's proposals," M. Buset declared.

KING'S REFUSAL

Brussels, Apr. 25.—Exiled King Leopold of the Belgians today refused to give the specific promise of what he would do after handing power to his 19-year-old son, Prince

Gaudiot, because it would "endanger the dignity of the Monarchy."

Leopold, who himself suggested stepping down temporarily when the nation's political leaders found it impossible to agree on the terms of his return to the Throne, took this stand after a six-hour talk at Geneva yesterday with the Catholic Premier-designate, M. Paul Van Zeeland.

M. Van Zeeland flew to Switzerland to tell the King about Socialist and Liberal insistence that he return to provisional exile after handing over. But the staunchly pro-Leopold Catholics insist that the Monarch cannot be banished.

Leopold's own plan is to make a prolonged tour of the Belgian Congo, but here again there is division between the parties as to whether this tour should be undertaken incognito or as the King.

ASTONISHED

When he returned to Brussels this morning M. Van Zeeland released a letter from the King refusing to give any undertaking about his movements.

The letter said, "I do not conceal from you after the gesture which I made—and by virtue of which I feel I can claim confidence—my astonishment to see ardent discussions concerning my presence in the country."

"The publicity which has surrounded the discussions and the significance which certain people give to my absence from the country exclude from my possibility to undertake now a condition to my return to leave Belgium, be it temporarily after the delegation of my responsibilities to the Crown Prince, without risking grave harm to the dignity of the Monarchy."

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Viking Airliner Explosion



Scotland Yard officials examining the wreckage of the Viking aircraft in which an explosion occurred over the Channel. One suggestion being investigated is that the bomb was planted to kill Rear-Admiral Eric Longley Cook, Director of Naval Intelligence. (London Express Service).

Liberals Gang Up With Tories

London, Apr. 25.—The nine members of the Parliamentary Liberal Party decided tonight to vote with the Conservative Opposition against the Government's petrol tax and the tax on commercial vehicles in the House of Commons tomorrow.

Further increasing the Budget debate tension was the increase to six in the number of Labour Members who will not be able to vote because of illness. Observers said the Government might scrap through with a majority of two.—Reuter.

The Hainan Debacle

THE abject failure of the Chinese Nationalist armies entrusted with the defence of Hainan is so typical of the last eighteen months that to express any surprise would be bordering on the fatuous. What precisely happened, the sequence of events precipitating the collapse, cannot be absolutely determined. Invasion parties crossing the channel from Lukchow were, according to the official communiques, mercilessly attacked from sea and air and suffered appalling casualties. The remnants were isolated and surrounded soon after they put foot ashore, and subsequently surrendered. In the midst of fire-cracker "victory" celebrations, the defenders found themselves attacked in the rear by guerrillas and stampeded. That summary represents the Nationalist version of the sorry show, and of course it seems quite incredible. Mismanagement of troops, inefficiency in deployment, has been admitted, but it was also stated that the 4th and 64th armies had 60,000 men at their disposal and that at no time did they encounter enemy strength exceeding 10,000 troops. No explanation has been offered excusing such a bungling failure, but taking past record into consideration, it seems to stand out unmistakably and warningly. The breakdown could scarcely have been so complete, and so devastating in effect, had there been a vestige of real fighting spirit in the Nationalist troops employed. The sequel follows the same despairing line. With the fall of Lukchow and the opening up of Hainan's principle port to hordes of Communist troops as transportation became available, the prospects of holding the

island indefinitely were negligible. Control of the northern sector was sufficient to guarantee that opposition farther south would ultimately be overcome. Even so, instant evacuation by responsible leadership, which seems to have occurred, turns the episode into worse than farce. The hint that 125,000 troops may be abandoned to Communist indoctrination adds to disfavour. Even keen sympathisers with the Kuomintang and the exile administration in Taiwan must feel nonplussed and disturbed. It is not only that valuable mineral resources and like assets have been jettisoned miserably to the profit of the Communists, but the effect on confidence must be shattering and likely to result in steady deterioration. If a storming raid by Communist forces can result in capture of the principal objectives within a week, why prolong the agony? If that is an example of the defensive qualities of the soldiery at present under Nationalist arms, how are the Nationalist group likely to fare when the Communists reach the stage when they mount an invasion of Taiwan? The project offers far greater difficulties. The most potent factor is the distance across the Formosa Channel between the mainland and Taiwan, and the concentration of Nationalist naval vessels in that area. Obstacles are however made to be overcome and the astonishingly rapid success of the Hainan operation will assuredly encourage the Communist leaders to strike at the first opportunity. General Chiang Kai-shek organised so-called Commando attack on Sungmen two or three weeks ago designed to impress the United States. The Hainan debacle goes to the other side of the ledger of its own volition.

Senator McCarthy Keeps On Keeping On

Washington, Apr. 25.—Senator McCarthy told the Senate today that the ex-Communist, Louis Budenz, had put the finger on a Communist in the State Department who holds an "important position."

Senator McCarthy said Mr Budenz did so today at the closed meeting of the Senate Foreign Affairs sub-Committee investigating Senator McCarthy's charges that the State Department is infested with Communists.

He said the Senate should know that Mr Budenz gave the sub-Committee the name of a person who "earned a high salary" in an "important post" in the State Department. He added that Mr Budenz also gave the Committee the names of a number of Communists.

The Senator did not disclose the exact number or further identify the high-salaried official. He noted that President Truman gave assurances in a speech yesterday that all Communists had been dismissed from the government.

Mr McCarthy angrily charged that Senate Investigators had "excluded" him from the closed session, at which his own witness gave secret evidence on charges that Owen Lattimore was a Communist spy. Senator McCarthy, who made the charges against Mr Lattimore, said the sub-Committee also "excluded" Mr Lattimore.

Both Senator McCarthy and Mr Lattimore originally had been invited to the closed session. After stalling out of the hearing room, the Senator promised a statement. "In 30 minutes," but at the appointed time he told reporters, "It is taking some time because I cannot think of the proper awar words."

STAR CHAMBER

Mr Budenz appeared before the sub-Committee to give secret evidence on Senator McCarthy's charges, including one that Mr Owen Lattimore, professor of Johns Hopkins University, is a Communist spy. Senator McCarthy and Mr Lattimore had been invited to the closed session, but the sub-Committee later reversed itself and excluded them.

Senator McCarthy took the Senate floor late in the afternoon during an angry attack by Senator William Jenner (Republican, Indiana) on what he called the sub-Committee's "star chamber" proceedings.

But the spokesman said no formal request for a meeting with Mr. Bevin had been received at the Foreign Office, he stated. Nor was it anticipated that an official move to bring Opposition leaders into the foreign policy planning on the pattern of the Democratic-Republican machine recently revived in Washington would be made before the meetings of the Foreign Ministers here next month.

Mr. Churchill and Mr. Anthony Eden, it is known in Parliamentary circles, would both welcome an opportunity for discussion before the Acheson-Brown-Schuman talks open.

Whether or not either or both of them will see Mr. Bevin depends, to some extent, on the date of his return to the Foreign Office from hospital, which is not expected until next week.

Mr. Bevin is understood to be making a sound recovery after his operation for haemorrhoids a fortnight ago. He had been expected to leave hospital this week.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT ARMS SHIPMENT TO EUROPE

Taft Challenges Marshall Aid

Washington, Apr. 25.—The Republican Senator, Mr. Robert Taft, urged the Senate today to cut foreign aid spending and questioned whether Britain should receive any Marshall Plan funds.

Senator Taft said the United States faced a deficit this year while Britain was balancing her budget. He said all spending must be cut excepting possibly funds for the armed services.

"The place to begin, if we are going to cut this budget, is here," said Senator Taft as the Senate continued its debate on the US\$3,300,450,000 foreign aid bill.

"I am sure that those foreign aid estimates can be cut. They are the vaguest estimates that I know of all estimates submitted to Congress."

At Senator Taft's request, Senator Kem submitted an amendment which would cut the \$3,100,000,000 Marshall Plan authorisation by \$1,000,000,000. The Kem amendment became the Senate's pending business.—United Press.

A further 1,000 dockers joined the strikers in Denmark.

The first step was the organization of a demonstration in the North Sea port of Esbjerg. The demonstration was a minor one and passed without incident.

The second step was taken this weekend, when the Communist-dominated Dockers Union passed a resolution urging all workers and other peace-loving people to condemn the unloading of "American murderous arms" in the port of Copenhagen.

Asked whether a strike was being planned a Union official said that there had been no talk of a strike, but a "spontaneous" refusal might take place when the first arms began to arrive.

In politically placid Denmark there has been no large-scale strike for some three years. Few key ports of Western Europe are given in these Reuter cables:

France: —The Government will try to foil Communist plans by directing most of the American arms shipments to Cherbourg, France's most strongly anti-Communist port.

The latest position from other key ports of Western Europe is given in these Reuter cables:

Italy: —The Italian Government, too, is believed to have found a safe port—Bar in the south.

Bar dockers, after long unemployment, have said, "We'll bring anything ashore."

Copenhagen: —Denmark's small but active Communist Party staged a demonstration at the North Sea port of Esbjerg last week—but it was small and there were no incidents.

There has been no large-scale strike in politically placid Denmark for about three years.

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DANISH CAMPAIGN

Copenhagen, Apr. 25.—Denmark's small but active Communist Party has begun its campaign against the unloading of American arms.

At least 100 ships were tied up by the walkout in the harbour, where later this week the first shipment of American arms under the Atlantic Pact is scheduled to arrive.—United Press.

Belgium had similar weather. Limburg Province recorded its heaviest snowfall for six months. Brussels had a violent hour of hail this afternoon. The bulb-fields presented the unusual picture of millions of tulips wearing thick white caps or lying under the weight of snow.

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Villages in the Northern Alpine foothills were still snowbound in the country's coldest, wettest spring for years. Denmark, on the contrary, reported warm sunshine. Spring frosts were out in Copenhagen.

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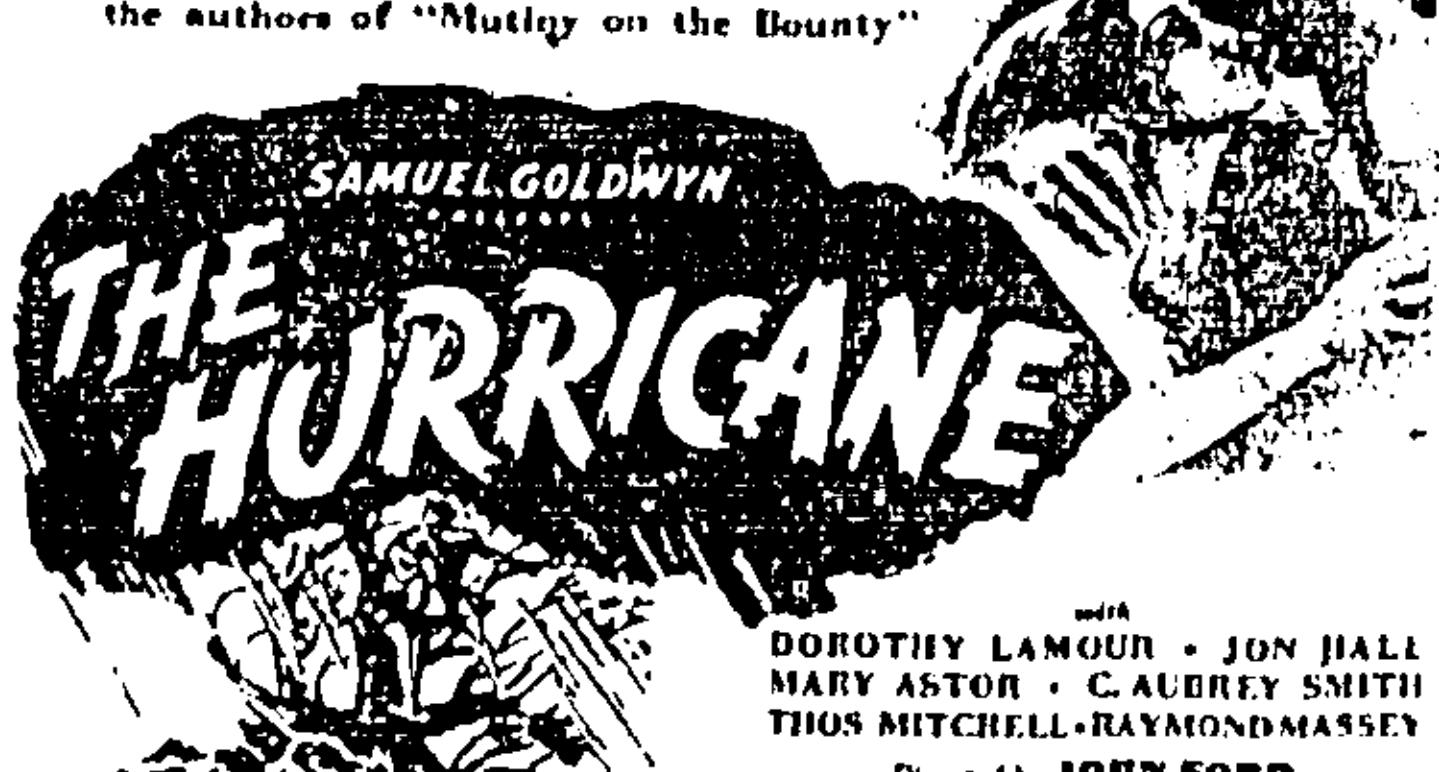
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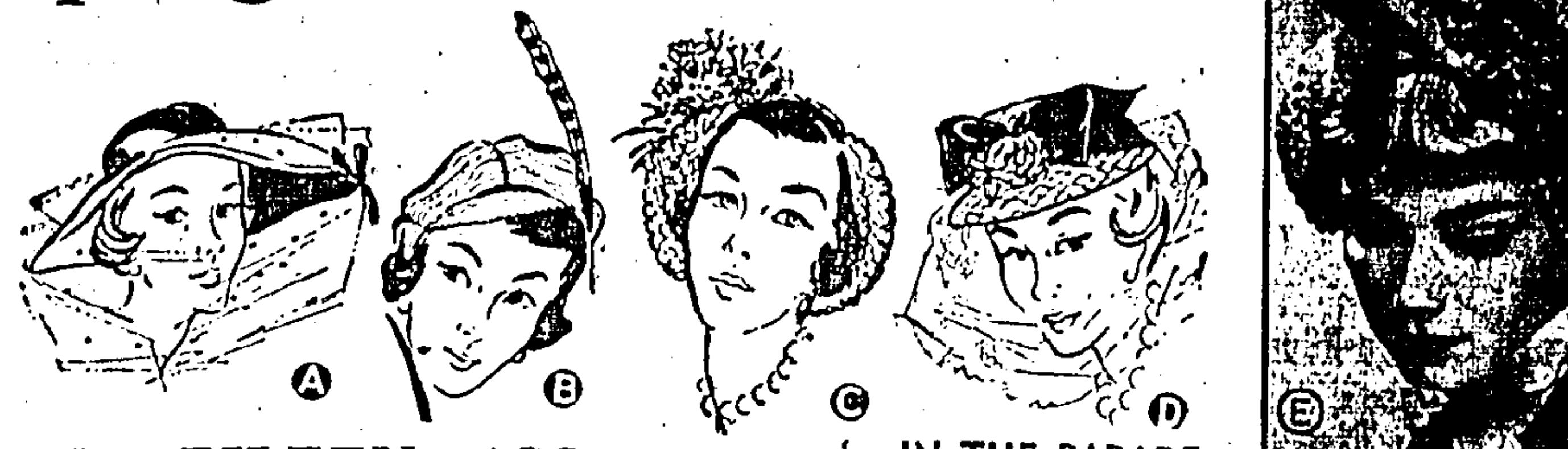
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Spring Bonnets On Parade



by EILEEN ASCROFT

We can now have a real spring bonnet parade. Since 1939 this is the first Spring that restrictions have permitted importation of delicious fancy straws, ribbons and trimmings. You have to be over 25 to remember them.

General movement is for forward-thrusting brims with hats perched high and straight upon the head, with two or three inches of hairline at the back. Shapes vary from enormous cart-wheels, worn with sideways tilt to tiny berets with brims. Top favourite is the Boat-

Brims have made a big come-back, very fussy and feminine. Trimmings include flowers, fruit, vegetables, feathers, corn, grass and twigs.

Your Easter Bonnet this Spring costs just what you wanted to pay. You could pay 15 guineas for a handful of straw, tulle and flowers, or as little as £1 for a delightful Cockney cap, reminiscent of the Dead-End kids.

Pictures In Paris

SPRING hats in Paris are enormous even with tailor-made.

They are worn straight, tilted forwards or sideways and many have sheer brims of tulle or organdie. Brims are often lined with dazzling white pique, lace-



French Porter Cap
In white pique with black brim, worn with a Hersheys' white 'shortie' in white.

IN THE PARADE

A—Picture hat in dusty pink wool felt with black satin cross and under-brim and chevron-dotted veil; B—Finished with a contrasting corduroy Easter bonnet; C—fancy ochre straw, floral, featuring flowers; D—The Doctor, featuring flowers in tan; E—Toot straw with many petticoat bows and vivid red rose; F—Condor bonnet, featuring white synthetic straw with white swan feather mount.

Beauty Box

SPRING day beauty aids... a miniature lipstick in the newest shade French Rose, to slip into a pocket when you've left your handbag behind... a travel-size perfume which lives in a tiny ivory case, ideal for rings or hairpins when the bottle's empty.

A Note Of Summer

THE slimmest of skirts animated by flat tiers or side wrapped movement is a summer theme of importance in the Paul Parnes collection. This straight and narrow line is used for cottons — chambrays and gingham checks—as well as dark heavy sheers. Newest are the town frocks of brown, navy or red and white checked cotton with slim skirt broken by scalloped embroidered tiers. These are one-piece or sun dresses topped by a tiny jacket.

Town Tones

Chambray in town tones—gray or cacoa—are a favourite fabric and the mood is for town, too, in the tailored, slim silhouettes. These cottons are detailed so that there is no "around the house" character for them, and even when they are full skirted, they have an "after five" mood.

On a striped jacket with baby bodice and full skirt has cut-out motifs embroidered in steel beads, while a slim town shirt-waist style is trimmed with tiny pearl buttons.

Because a sheer reason is assured, this house features heavy sheers in slim silhouettes, cool looking with low square neckline and lace sleeves. The "pretty look" is achieved by lace all-in at the low neckline, and bandings of lace alternating with flat skirt folds, and big white pique cuffs that serve as short sleeves.

Among the unusual trimmings here are collars and cuffs of lace, gingham on shantung dresses, and dotted sateen accents in a white linen suit that buckles with three bands across the jacket front. A softly tailored black chiffon suit has finely pleated skirt and pleated jacket front with white pique.

Skirt Formula

A series of suits in novelty checked gingham also follows the slim skirt formula—and these range from skirt-plus-jacket types to sun dress with companion jacket. In the same way a group of printed crepes again establishes the return of the summer suit dress.

Recognising the need for

dress-up cottons in summer time, this house presents a full skirt, yellow organdie embroidered with spaced floral bouquets in bright colours.

Another one, for evening or dinner wear, is in heavy or white novelty lace with wide organdie hemline border; and there are one or two in white with heavy black lace outlining the strapless tops and used for cuffs on the brief jackets with thin sleeves.

Pressure Spots

Some years ago it was discovered that there are so-called "pressure spots" in the nose, which produce headache and pain.

It is not wise nor is it likely that injection of influenza vaccine would be of any help to the individual suffering from grippe attacks. After the attack has cleared up, possible injection of the vaccine might be of some help in preventing future attacks.

Serious For Once

Of course, in any case of headache there is need for a thorough examination to determine its source. Once the cause has been found, the treatment which is most effective can be begun.

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Jilted At The Altar

Love found a way in Kongas City when a 71-year-old man got married after forgiving his fiancee for jilted him at the altar 40 years ago.

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A Los Angeles wife won a divorce from her husband on a charge of cruelty, because he insisted on hanging pictures of his four ex-wives on the bedroom walls.

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Serious for once, Danny Kaye dines out with Mrs. Kaye, who wears a black slipper satin dress with back buttons made of spade-shaped diamonds. —London Express Service.

Nice Teeth, Sparkling Smile



Courtesy RKO Radio Pictures
Jane Russell says: So brush yours regularly and see the dentist at least twice a year.

By HELEN FOLLETT

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GIRL ACROBATS ON TOUR



SIX of a group of 15 members of an English acrobatic troupe perform on the deck of the Queen Elizabeth upon their arrival in New York. They are making a tour of the U.S. (Acme)

TENNIS CIRCLES WONDER WHAT GUSSY WILL WEAR

Tennis enthusiasts are asking: "Will Gorgeous Gussy Moran be banned from Wimbledon if she wears the new outfit which Teddy Tinling is said to have designed for her?"

Although Mr Tinling resigned from his temporary membership of the All-England Lawn Tennis Club last year after a cold war between him and the committee over Gussy's lace panties, it is understood that she has asked him to design something "even more startling this year."

Mr Tinling will give nothing away, but at a recent show of tennis clothes his fashion included bare midriff styles with wrap-round panties and coloured, almost transparent, tops.

Now tradition has always held that Wimbledon players shall wear all-white outfit.

Recently exception has been made in the case of coloured cardigans or sweaters, but white or cream is still the "understood" basic colour.

NO WRITTEN RULE

The secretary of the All-England Lawn Tennis Club is Mr Duncan MacAulay, and his secretary said:

"There is no written rule about costume for women players, although it has always been understood that members of the Wightman Cup teams wear all-white."

"If Miss Moran comes here as a member of the team she will be expected to comply with tradition. We should expect her captain to see that she did."

"The question of whether she would be banned if she insists on wearing something not complying with tradition has not yet been discussed. We hope it will not even be necessary to discuss it."

On the other hand if Gussy arrives at Wimbledon this year privately sponsored, as she did last year, her costume will give the Wimbledon authorities a greater problem.

For players in this category have always had more licence as to what they shall wear.

Gussy could presumably wear what she could get away with.

DRY THOSE TEARS!



PAT Helmold knows why onion growers and dealers have the weeps as she looks over a few of the bags of onions that fill 318 freight cars in Chicago. No one seems to want the surplus onions, left over from last year's crop, and newly-grown onions will soon be pouring into the market, too. (Acme)

K. O. CANNON



A NEW ADVENTURE—WITH WHISPER



GIRL SHOWS IN DUBLIN ARE DRESSED

By Thomas Hennigan

Dublin, Apr. 25.—The visitor to our shores in search of variety entertainment on a par with London's Windmill or Paris' Folies Bergere will be sorely disappointed.

Not in Dublin's variety theatres — there are four of them — will he find the Windmill's statuesque nudes or the Folies' undraped dancing nymphs.

Over the Dublin variety stage broods the unappetising shadow—and substance—of clothes. Brassieres of heavy material leave most everything to the imagination while the G-string is as foreign here as a sun suit on the Alaskan wastes.

The girls are covered with conventional stage panties into which a great deal of material has gone. These panties are always of the same colour as the surrounding, abbreviated skirt.

The various dance scenes, too, are totally devoid of anything that the ladies in the front row might construe as sex. The ladies of the Irish circus go in for demure tapping and, as a treat not often handed out, give an occasional twist and a kick of shapely legs—one thing the censor cannot change—to give the customers their money's worth.

GIRL TEMPLE

One of the oldest girl temples in town is the Olympia, which runs all-variety shows uninterrupted by cinema shows. To the Olympia come dancing troupes from various London agencies, Continental trapeze artists, jockeys, comedians and singers.

Nightly for many years, elderly Bob Bolton, the theatre's aging but vigorous music director conducts his 15-piece orchestra while, before his eyes, shapely young ladies flash heel and toe.

Young ladies flash heel and toe.

The Olympia has in recent

days put on several famous people, including Tessie O'Shea,

NUDES FOR PRISON

The Governor of Dorchester Prison said he is negotiating with an art gallery for the loan of landscapes and nudes to hang in the prison's main hall to brighten the lives of the 130 inmates.

The Governor, Mr B. Lamb, said: "It was my idea to ask for these pictures, and as far as I know it has not been done in a prison before. Provided they have artistic merit, I would not ban nude paintings."

Lamb is conferring with Norman L. Silverster, curator of the Bournemouth Municipal Art Gallery, on the paintings.

"I have not yet decided what pictures we can spare," Silverster said, "but it is possible nude paintings will be among them. If these are included, I will have them covered with glass to prevent them being defaced."

CASEY JONES ON A STAMP



CENTREPIECE of a new U.S. stamp (pictured here) is Casey Jones, America's most famous engine driver. He was killed in the wreck of the Cannonball Express near Vaughn, Mississippi, on April 30, fifty years ago.

The express ran into a goods train. The fireman jumped, but Casey Jones stayed to blow the whistle to give the goods train crew time to escape.

His sacrifice is commemorated in an American folksong.

Robert Wilson, Felix Mendelssohn and his Hawaiian cuties, Evelyn Laye, Hutch and several names well-known to the BBC's "Variety Broadcast."

The Capitol Theatre's girl squad is known as the "Moonbeams"—an eye-catching bunch.

Main attraction about them is the city's males in that they almost invariably appear to dance in slacks.

RAISED EYEBROW

Dublin's majestic Theatre Royal, one of the biggest in Europe, features with the Toyniettes, who go in for some well-contrived dance routines, displaying imagination and production genius.

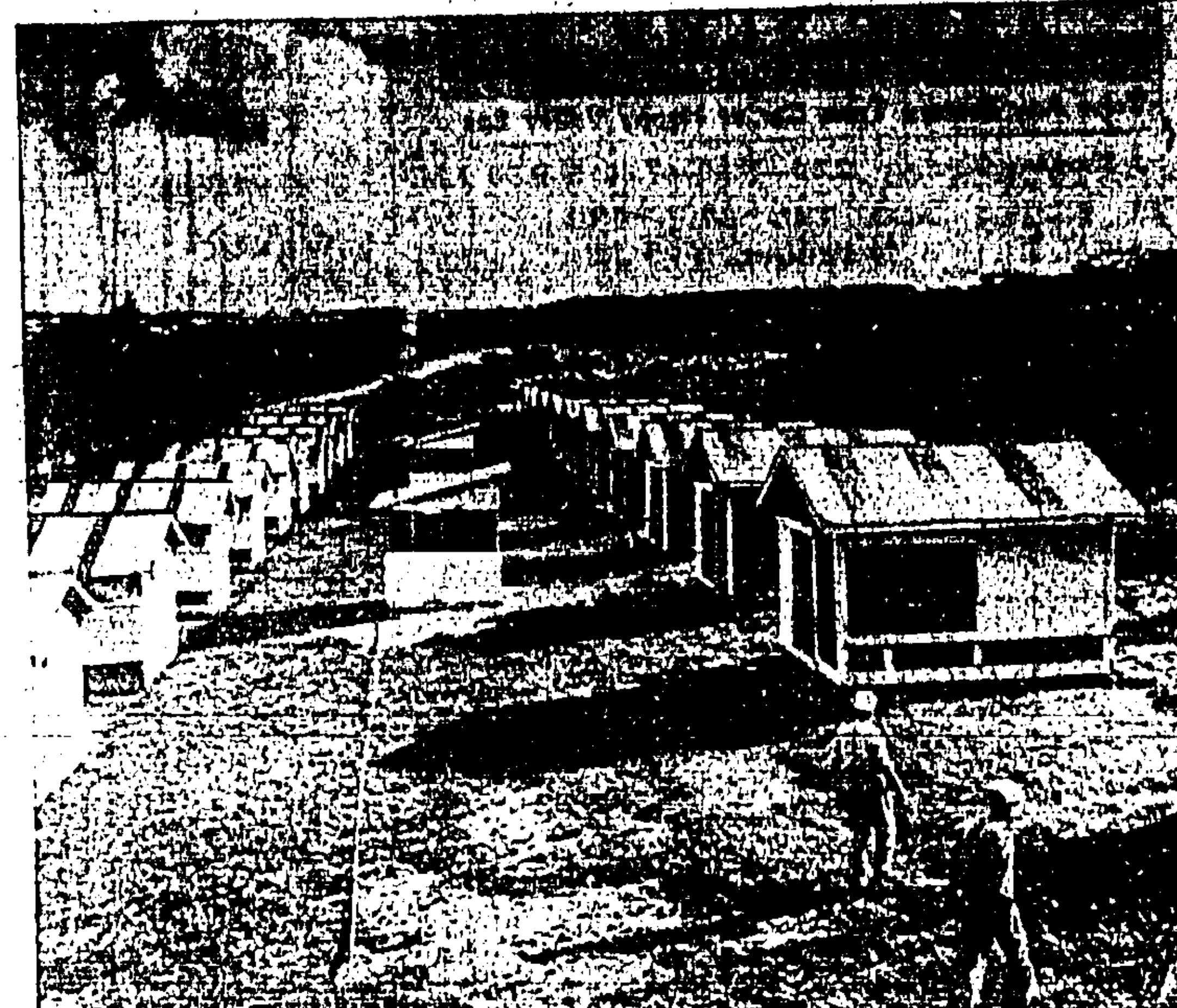
It, now and again, a visiting girl trapeze artist is not sufficiently clothed, the Irish Independent draws raised eyebrows attention to the fact and advises the lady in question to cover up. It rarely happens that the offending lady obeys the Irish Independent. These reprimands consequently act as the best aid for the offending theatre.

On the basis of a recent complaint by the Independent, the royal was crowded to never before in its history. They came to see a shapely trapeze artist whose shorts were the shortest ever seen in a capital, that simply does NOT encourage nudism on the stage or anything approaching nudism.—United Press.

SUN LOVELY



LEPROSARIUM IN THE PACIFIC



NEAT, tree-shaded individual houses stretch in long rows for patients at the provisional leprosarium on Tinian, in the Marianas Islands, administered by the U.S. Navy. In the centre are cook houses for use of the patients with Hansen's disease, who arrive from throughout the Pacific Islands controlled by the U.S. Navy. (U.S. Navy Photo from Acme)

Father Divine Gives H-Bomb 'Ultimatum'

By Frederick Cook

Spread out on the tables at Uno's headquarters in New York are big black headlines proclaiming "New World Warning." They announce Father Divine's "solemn ultimatum" on the hydrogen bomb. After almost two years of unaccustomed silence, Father Divine is back in the news.

Growing Up Faster

Men are attaining full growth faster than ever, a scientist reported in *The Lancet*, British medical journal.

Dr G. M. Morant said statistics showed that in 1850 men attained full growth at 20 years of age, but in this decade they reach full height by 21½ years. He said the average height of men is the same 5 ft 7½ in.

An industrial officers' conference, sponsored by the Medical Research Council, said a man begins to get old at 30. Or, at least, that his skill at his job begins to decline at that age.

But most men, the symposium said, make up for this by greater experience.—United Press.

His "ultimatum" has created little surface excitement at Uno. But it has set off a chain reaction of excited "peace meetings" in his "Heavens" in more than fifty cities and towns all over America.

To sceptics they point out that anyone who doubts his powers is taking a very grave risk and must assume his own responsibilities.

'LOOK WHAT HAPPENED'

"Look what happened to Huey Long," they warn. "When he was dictator of Louisiana, he refused to receive a delegation of 'Divine Angels.' He was assassinated shortly afterwards."

Father Divine, 73 years old, born George Baker, son of a former slave, is believed today to control property worth at least \$10,000,000, plus at least \$15,000,000 in cash.

More than 300 places of business are registered in the name of one or other of his organisations.

Outside the largest of his "Heavens," in Harlem, crowds gather nightly, chanting: "Father Divine rules the world! We thank thee, Father! Bring them together, Father!"

Father Divine lives comfortably, goes about his affairs in specially built limousines. But, he insists, he owns nothing. His cars and furniture, even the clothes he wears, are the property of his followers, he maintains.

—London Express Service

ANTWERP DOCK VIGILANCE

Antwerp, Apr. 25.—Five hundred heavily armed police moved into the Antwerp dock area today to keep order and protect the 5,000 men who are at work despite the Communist-inspired strike by 7,000 longshoremen.

Police patrols throughout the city were doubled to enforce the ban on gatherings of more than five persons. It is intended to prevent further clashes like those on a small scale which occurred in the last two days.

The first American ship with North Atlantic Pact arms is expected here within a week.—United Press.

ATTRACTIOMS like lovely Phyllis Duke add something even to the sun and sea air at Miami Beach, Florida. In fact, they encourage deep breathing and the outdoor life. (Acme)

Eat plenty of fat, says the Channel doctor

What do you need to swim the Channel? Plenty of meat and butter and cream, plenty of fat. That is the prescription given by 58-year-old Dr George Brewster.

Dr Brewster, of Southwark Bridge Road, S.E. 1, has started training at Dover for his 14th attempt to swim the Channel.

"I feel as fit as I did 25 years ago when I made my first attempt, and my swimming and resistance to cold have greatly improved with the years," said Dr Brewster. He first became an all-the-year-round swimmer in 1900.

"People tell me I am too old for this sort of exertion. But I think it is good for my health."

Dr Brewster plans his training with scientific thoroughness because he has to fit it in with looking after his patients.

During the winter he gets up early and has a quick swim in Highgate Pond or the Serpentine.

It's no good rushing the sea. At present the temperature of the water is 45 degrees and I shall stay in for 20 minutes. But by the time I make my cross-Channel attempt in August I shall be going for eight-hour swims."

Food, he says, is his main

protein.

"Fortunately I am well covered (I'm 5ft. 7in. and weigh 13st.), and I manage to make do on chickens, eggs and other unrefined foods."

The nearest Dr Brewster has got to swimming the Channel is within four miles of the French coast.

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Do you think that poverty has been abolished in Britain? Do children today, in the Welfare State, 1950, still sleep ill and hungry on the floor on piles of rags?

THE SHOCKING STORY

By MARGARET LANE

LONDON. The early sexual experiences of many of these children are enough to unbalance the sturdiest child for life. Whole families sleep in the same bed, covered with coats and rags. Small girls are lured into bombed ruins by methylated spirit drinkers, and the sexual assault of children is such a commonplace that the majority of cases never reach the court. Not all these homes, by any means, are desperately poor. Many are, but not all. Sordid environment, defective character, bad heredity, misery and exhaustion all play their part in producing the family backgrounds from which it is a miracle that any decent children emerge at all.

In a childhood so ugly, so comfortless, so often bleak in indifference and lack of love, is it any wonder that the children turn eagerly to the only warm, bright, adventurous places they know—the cinema, the cafe, the fun fair and (of course) the street?



The street, with all its dangers and temptations is at least free, other amusements cost money. And it is here that many children take their first step into delinquency, pilfering, or breaking in, or making their first attempts at prostitution for the sake of the coppers it takes to go to the pictures.

The puzzle is not that we have so many delinquent children in our towns, in spite of all our social services, but that, even in these appalling conditions the majority of poor working class families maintain their standards of morality and bring up their children with decency and affection.

The breeding-ground of delinquency is the sub-standard family in which the parents themselves are nearly always the products of bad homes, demoralised in childhood and continuing the trail of dirt, disease and delinquency from generation to generation.

What can we do about them? The slums will take years to abolish, and the problem cannot wait for that.

A Minister for Children? It is not impossible, though one can already in imagination hear the clash with rival Ministries, the intermining wars with Health or Education, the deadlocks with the Treasury or the Home Office.

It would be expensive, too; but it is even more expensive to waste our children.

—(London Express Service)

Sitting on the Fence... by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

I OFTEN wonder why women grumble at the dullness of housework when, according to the writers of women's features, there is so much fun among the dusters and the dish mops.

Read what one of them says about rhythm in housework: "Get a certain measure of time into your head and use the brush, the broom or the polishers backwards and forwards in an imaginary tune."

"Not so long ago I was teaching somebody how to make a bed correctly. To the tune of 'Boys and Girls Come Out to Play' we sang 'First the toe and then the head, that's the way to make a bed.'

The stage is set for a spot of rhythmic housework. Old Mrs. Mifflin, the churl, has arrived, and the mistress dances into the kitchen, singing,

MISTRESS: Swill the sink and empty the slops, wash the blooming turnip tops. MRS. MIFFLIN (croaking): Scrub the tattie, sweep the floor,

Smash the china, bang the door.

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Other disarming things which might be said to intruders are: "Excuse me, but have you met my aunt?" or "You have the advantage of me, sir, but perhaps you would like to speak to father?" or, "Do you know my mother?"

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"And, what is more, I do not ride, fish, or 'unt ze 'ound, I 'ate open air, and I do not play tennis, 'ockey, squash ze raquet, football, or your 'ateful cricket.'

On Wentock Edge he got her.

And took her for a ride. And then and there he shot her.

His lovely Shropshire bride.

It was at Easter tide. They came from far to feast her.

And many a mother cried, For lads who wed at Easter, Are hanged at Whitsuntide. In bloom of manhood's pride.

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VIEWING: Production of TV sets is expected to break records this year. Makers are

northwest. The conductor woke me, and I slept again with my head pointing southwest. When they threw me off the train, I slept on my doorstep with my head on the mat and pointing, I think, north-northeast. Is this a record?"—Blotto, Birmingham.

Alas! they do, they do. This is an account so sober, so unsensational, so obviously true that I should like to thrust it into the hands of every complacent person of my acquaintance, of everyone who believes that "the poor" are with us no longer; or that everything is done for everybody nowadays; or that the slums have vanished.

Marriage mottoes

"Girls about to be married are even more superstitious than they used to be about unlucky months, days and colours," I read.

Heads to the north

A NUMBER of letters have reached me from people on the great controversy. "Can we sleep better with our heads towards the north?"

SEEM to remember a rhyme about the colours of wedding gowns:

Marry in red for a crack in the head;

Marry in yellow, tut tut, what a fellow;

Marry in white, he is sure to get tight;

Marry in brown, he will soon knock you down;

Marry in grey, will be blotto all day;

Marry in blue, he will knock back a few;

Marry in pink, you will soon take to drink;

Marry in mauve, what a bounder by Jove!

—(London Express Service)

newlyweds worth £10,000. He did it by careful living and by prudent investment in Wall Street and in property.

LITERATURE: One of the largest publisher's advances ever given (£13,500) will be paid to Kathleen (Forever Amber) Winsor for her second novel, "Star Money." Opening sentence of the book: "It was a dozen eggs for down woman's bedroom."

MANNERS: Unions will co-operate with the management of New York's Central Railway to treat all passengers with courtesy and give them the best possible service. "Our jobs depend upon more people using the railway," say the unions.

ADVERTISEMENT: Anxious old car owners in time for the spring rush, a dealer advertised in all New York papers that he will accept a dozen eggs for down the cradle," he said, "you bring the cradle."

PRIZE EXHIBIT: In a show New York has put on of all its distinguished visitors in the past 400 years, is a photograph of Winston Churchill. It was taken on December 8, 1900, when Churchill then 20, arrived for a lecture tour.

Caption to the picture: "Winston Churchill, author of six books, hero of four wars, member of Parliament, forthcoming Prime Minister of England."

SHOW BUSINESS: It has never happened in Broadway's history. Sol Hurok, American manager for the Sadler's Wells Ballet Company, announced six months before their arrival —what nights they will be dancing which ballet. "We had to do this," Mr. Hurok told me, "because we had 30,000 letters for tickets."

FOR ALL the medical attacks on these so-called "anti-cold" pills, druggists, who are still selling them by the million, have developed a new way to make money with them. They are almost ready to introduce a

MONEY: Mr. Trammer Spivon was a porter at the New York underground. Never in his 18 years on the job did he make more than £3 a week. And yet it was disclosed that he

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UN: Mankind's best hope for peaceful world

Lake Success, Apr. 25.—The Assistant United Nations Secretary General, Byron Price, said today in an anniversary statement that, although the United Nations still has a long way to go to fulfil the expectations of San Francisco, it remains and will continue as mankind's best hope for a decent, secure and peaceful world.

On April 25, 1945, delegates from 51 nations gathered at the San Francisco Opera House for the first United Nations meeting, which began the work of drafting the charter for the world organization.

NEW CLUE TO BALTIC AIR CLASH?

Stockholm, Apr. 25.—An aircraft wheel pierced by bullets has been found by a fishing boat off Gotland, the Swedish Air Force reported tonight.

The discovery was linked with the loss of the American Privateer bomber in the Baltic on April 8.

Meanwhile, in America, an American Congressman suggested today that the United States Privateer bomber lost in the Baltic on April 8 was reconnoitring the Russian coastline.

The United States Government had insisted that the course and speed of the missing aircraft would not have taken it over Soviet territory, but claimed that Soviet aircraft shot it down.

Russia alleged that the plane was sent over the area "for the purpose of photographing Soviet defences."

Mr Young said in his articles: "It is significant that there were three radar experts in our plane. It is highly important that this nation test the effectiveness of the Russian radar net. Our aviators may be said to be making routine practice flights, but you may be sure they are rendering an important service to our country, and they are risking their lives for us on every mission they make."

He linked the incident with the loss of the American submarine, *Chichino*, in Arctic waters last year and recent reports of unidentified submarines off the Pacific coast of America.

Mr Young said that these unidentified craft were Russian.

The United States Navy said the *Chichino* exploded and burned while engaged in cold water training exercises.—Reuters.

Lost Boys "Shivered And Prayed"

Kingwood, West Virginia, Apr. 25.—Three teen-age boys, after 27 hours spent in a dark, rat-infested cave, said today that it was no adventure.

"It was spooky and we were scared," 16-year-old Robert Shrouth told his father after escape parties found the youngsters huddled together in an offshoot of the Cornwell Cave, one of the biggest in West Virginia.

"All I did was shiver and pray," said Robert.

His brother Eugene, 14, and their cousin Alvin Shrouth, 15, said they prued too. The boys sneaked off to explore the almost inaccessible cave six miles north-west of here. They found a small hole high on one side and crawled through. They had gone only about 35 feet when their one flashlight went out.

HELD HANDS

Holding hands, they walked carefully around the crevice-filled cave, desperately trying to find a way out. Some of the crevices are 100 feet deep. After hours of fruitless searching, they decided to quit wandering in the dark and to wait for help.

Three search parties, marking their routes with heavy twine, finally found the boys.—United Press.

Mr Price, former head of the United States wartime censorship office, is acting as Secretary General while Trygve Lie is on a European trip that may take him to Moscow in an effort to settle the East-West impasse.

Recalling the co-operative attitude that existed when the United Nations was formed, Mr Price said, "The world has undergone many changes since that day. The atmosphere of agreement and conciliation has been succeeded by one of mistrust and suspicion. The United Nations itself has undergone great strains and has passed through many difficulties. It still has a long way to go to fulfil the expectations of San Francisco.

TOUCH PROBLEMS

"Yet in these few short years it has proved itself a vital organisation capable of handling the toughest political, economic and social problems. Five years is only a brief moment in human history and final judgment on the work of the San Francisco conference perhaps cannot be given until many years hence."

"Nevertheless, enough has happened to enable us to say that the United Nations, in the midst of the storm and stress of the extraordinary age in which we live, remains and will continue as mankind's best hope for a decent, secure and peaceful world."—United Press.

Lie asks:

HOW ABOUT A SPECIAL SESSION?

New York, Apr. 25.—The United Nations General Assembly President, Brigadier General Carlos Romulo of the Philippines, said today that the United Nations Secretary General, Trygve Lie, has proposed a special session of the Security Council to be attended by Foreign Ministers or even heads of the member states.

General Romulo, addressing a reception by the American Association of the United Nations commemorating the opening of the San Francisco conference, said that he and the former General Assembly President, Dr Osvaldo Aranha of Brazil, had endorsed and supported the suggestion.

General Romulo added, "I hope that a way can be found to carry out Mr Lie's proposal without delay. Mr Lie is on his way to Europe to find new ways of bringing the powers concerned together in a fresh effort to compose their outstanding differences by negotiation. He is determined to try every conceivable means of putting a peaceful end to the cold war."—United Press.

Law to keep Japs out of US illegal

Los Angeles, Apr. 25.—The Californian District Court of Appeal has ruled that the State's Alien Land Law prohibiting Japanese and a few other Asiatic nationalities from owning land in California because they are ineligible for citizenship, is not enforceable because it conflicts with the United Nations Charter.

The court declared that United Nations Charter was a treaty between the United States and other nations and that the "Federal Constitution provides that all treaties take precedence over State laws."

The decision was based on a suit brought against the State by a Japanese national, Sol Fukui. The State had attempted to seize land he purchased six months ago. A Superior Court Judge ruled in favour of the State.—Reuters.

Senor Hogan Walks Into Trouble



Arriving in London, Argentina's new Ambassador in London, Senor Carlos A. Hogan, finds himself immediately involved in a dispute arising from a protest by the Argentine Embassy in London against the ignoring of an invitation suggested by Senora Peron of three Vicker Armstrong workers and their wives to the launching of the Argentine ship, "17th October" in Buenos Aires. Photo shows: Senor Carlos A. Hogan photographed on board the "Senor Peron" with his wife and children, Maria aged 4 and Thomas aged 2, on their arrival in London today.

RULES OF WAR DEAD AS A DOG

—Says Admiral

London, Apr. 25.—Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Cork, commander of the naval forces in the Norway expedition at the beginning of the war, contended today that the rules governing the laws of war were "as dead as the dog" and must be overhauled.

International law, he told the House of Lords, did not allow for the plea of acting under superior orders.

A flagrant case was that of two German sailors, who were imprisoned in 1945 for their part in machine gunning survivors of the Greek ship, *Releus*, which was torpedoed in mid-Atlantic by a German submarine in 1942.

The U-Boat captain, Helmut Esk, and taken full responsibility for the incident at his trial, Lord Cork said. He had admitted ordering the machine gunning and blowing up of the wreckage and the raft on which were two survivors, to remove all traces of the incident and conceal the presence of the submarine in the area.

He and two officers, to whom he had given orders to open fire on the raft, were sentenced to death and shot. Two other members of the crew were sentenced to life imprisonment and 15 years respectively.

Lord Cork thought it would have been quite enough to have shot the captain, who gave the order, and not to have pursued the matter further down the scale.

STRESS AND STRAIN
"I feel that I am acting in the interests of young officers and all ranks and ratings liable to receive orders in the stress and strain of battle and in an emotional atmosphere," Lord Cork said.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Jowitt, said he absolutely and completely disagreed with Lord Cork, who had enunciated "nothing less than the Fuehrer principle." Under this reasoning, if the U-Boat commander had said he got his orders

from Admiral Doenitz, and did what he had been told, he would not have been responsible. And if Admiral Doenitz had said he was commanded to order it by Adolf Hitler, the same reasoning would lead to the result that Doenitz was not guilty and Hitler was.

"That is the Fuehrer principle—the doctrine by which you lay down all your moral ideas and put yourself absolutely at the control of one man, rendering him not merely those things are Caesar's but those which every man in the last resort must judge for himself."—Reuters.

Sharp Clash In Kenya

Nairobi, Apr. 25.—Tribesmen killed three British officials, an African policeman and an African civilian in a clash in North-West Kenya yesterday. It was reported here today.

An official statement said they were killed in a fight with Suk tribesmen in the Lake Baringo district, while trying to arrest an African leader of a prescribed fanatical religious society which had been responsible for many disturbances in the past two years.

About 300 Suk tribesmen attacked the police party when they attempted to parley for the arrest of the religious leader. Under a hail of spears, the police opened fire and among the Suk dead was the man they sought to arrest.

Reinforcements were sent into the area immediately and the situation was later reported to be under control.—Reuters.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Don't you think you ought to go to bed a little bit earlier, George? You know what that insurance man said about so many women outliving their husbands these days!"

No tanks or guns against Berlin Reds

Berlin, Apr. 25.—Western Allied and German political circles in Berlin today expressed complete astonishment at a Washington Government spokesman's suggestion that tanks and guns might have to be used to counter Communist attempts to invade the Western sectors of Berlin at Whitsun.

"There are no American tanks in Berlin," an official American spokesman said.

"United States forces only have tracked weapon carriers."

During the past months the three Western Allied Commandants have repeatedly stressed that they had full confidence in the West Berlin police force, which, they said, was capable of dealing with any Communist disorders at Whitsun when 500,000 Communist-led youths are expected to rally in Berlin.

A French official spokesman said that no French military reinforcements had reached Berlin.

PRECAUTIONS

"Nor is there any reason to suppose armed and motorised Russian troops would break into West Berlin under cover of a peace rally or unarmed young Germans," he added.

"Naturally all security precautions have been taken, but we do not anticipate any trouble."

A spokesman of the Communist-controlled free German youth said, "We have made it clear in official announcements time and time again that we shall demonstrate in the Soviet sector only, and that we do not intend to yield to American provocations at the sector boundary."—Reuters.

AN ATOMIC SUBMARINE

Washington, Apr. 25.—America is to build an atomic-powered submarine and other radically new type underwater vessels, the United States Navy disclosed today.

The Navy also plans to convert a cruiser into a guided missile combat vessel.

The plans were made known in a request to Congress for authority to build 112 vessels. Admiral Forrest Sherman, Chief of Naval Operations, told the House Armed Services Committee that the recommendations were put before the Secretary of Defence, Mr Louis Johnson, in February.

The proposed programme would cost \$355,000,000.—Reuters.

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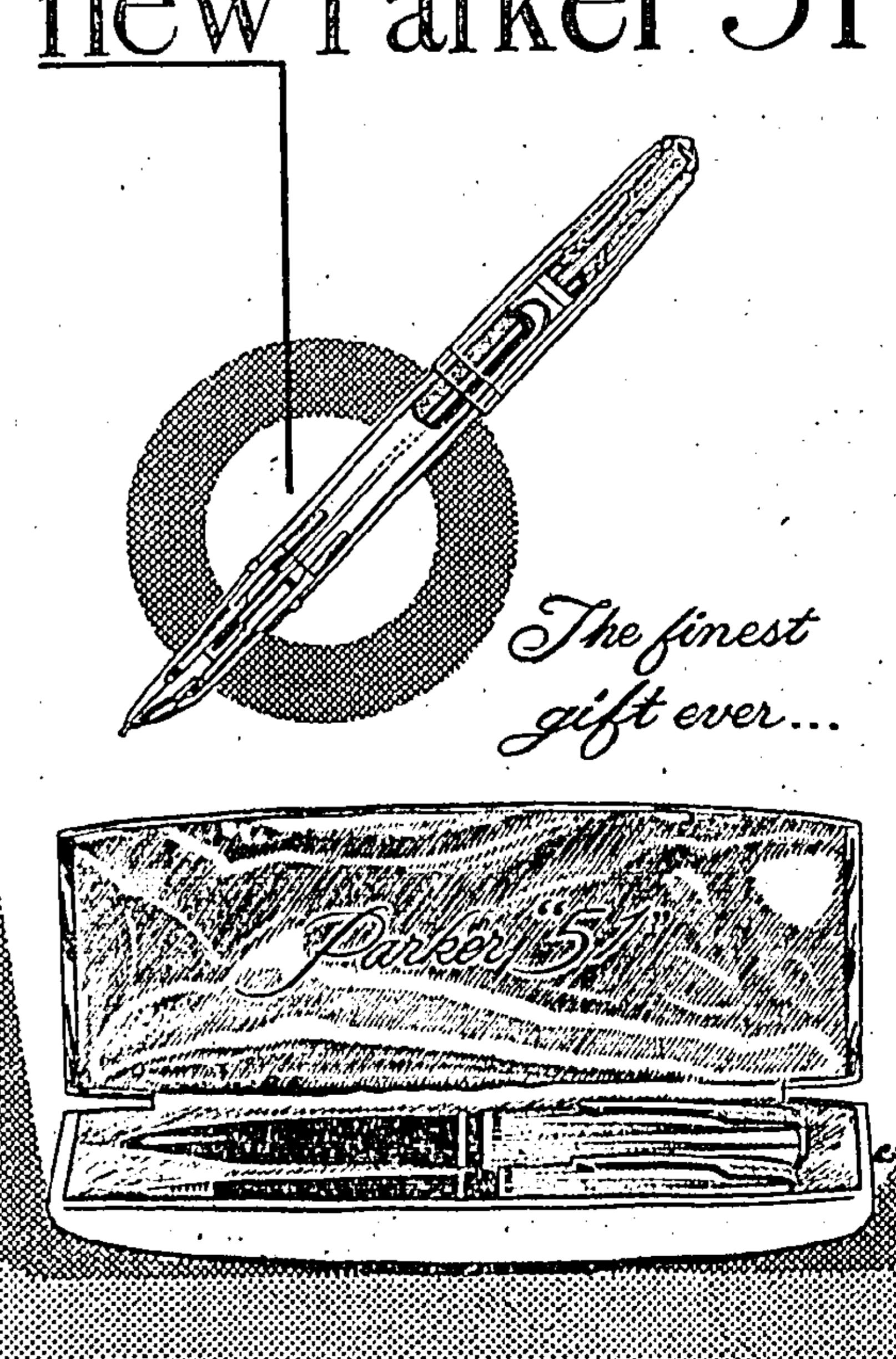
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TERRY ALLEN WINS WORLD FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

London, Apr. 25.—Terry Allen, of London, tonight became the World and European Flyweight Champion when he beat Honore Pratesi, of France, on points over 16 rounds at the Harringay Arena here.

The fight was for the titles vacated by Rinty Monaghan, of Northern Ireland, who retired recently.

A late revival by the rapidly tiring Allen in the closing stages clinched the issue after a hard and interesting bout. Allen, with superior speed and boxing technique, scored well with his left to have the better of matters in the first five rounds.

Thwarting Pratesi's efforts to keep the fight at close quarters, the 24-year-old Barrow boy built up a useful lead, but he failed to hang on to this as Pratesi, a 29-year-old Marseilles hospital orderly, warmed up and did so well with his fierce fighting at close quarters that he wiped out the lead.

Allen took plenty of stamina-napping body blows, and as these took effect and slowed him down he became an easier target for the persistent Frenchman.

Boring in relentlessly and throwing Allen out of his stride, the Frenchman made a steady effort to regain for France the World title which Young Perez lost in 1932 and which Britain has since held.

But Pratesi could not match the fury of Allen's finishing rally in a toe-to-toe grand slam in the final round, and Allen snatched the verdict to retain the titles vacated by Monaghan.

EDDIE THOMAS WINS

London, Apr. 25.—Eddie Thomas, the British Flyweight Champion, beat Bruno Marostegan, of France, on points over 10 rounds in a bout preceding the World Flyweight title contest between Terry Allen, of London, and Honore Pratesi, of France, at the Harringay Arena, London, tonight. —Reuter.

TALBERT & DROBNY IN THE FINAL

Rome, Apr. 25.—Billy Talbert (United States) and Jaroslav Drobny, the self-exiled Czech, today reached the final of the Men's Singles in the Italian Lawn Tennis Championships here.

In the semi-finals Talbert beat Billy Sidwell (Australia) 6-3, 6-1 and 6-0, and Drobny defeated Eddie Patty (United States) by 12-10, 0-1 and 0-3.

Mrs Annalisa Bossi (Italy) beat Miss Barbara Scobell (United States) 1-6, 0-3 and 0-3 in the semi-finals of the Women's Singles and in the final will meet Miss Joan Curry (Britain) who defeated Miss Nistri Migliori (Italy) by 6-4 and 6-0.

The Mixed Doubles semi-final results were: Adrian Quist (Australia) and Miss Gussie Moran (United States) beat Tony Mottram and Miss Mottram (Britain) 5-7, 7-5 and 10-8.

Gianni Cucelli and Mrs Rossi (Italy) beat Sidwell (Australia) and Miss Jean Querier (Britain) by 6-2, 2-6 and 6-4.

Miss Curry and Mrs Mottram beat another British pair, Mrs Betty Hilton and Miss K. Turke 2-6, 6-3 and 6-3 in the Women's Doubles semi-finals.

In the final they will meet Mrs Jean Wallis Smith and Miss Jean Querier (Britain), who had already qualified. —Reuter.

OXFORD TRIAL SNOWED OUT

Oxford, Apr. 25.—Heavy snow during the night delayed the last day of the Oxford University cricket trial between M.B. Hofmeyr's side and D.B. Carr's XI. The match was drawn.

In reply to Hofmeyr's first innings score of 205, Carr declared at his overnight total of 387 for seven and going in a second innings. Hofmeyr also declared at 207 for seven wickets. Carr's side made two runs without loss before the match second time. —Reuter.

Rugger Results

London, Apr. 25.—The following were the results of Rugby Union games played today:

Exeter 0, Newport 14; Teignmouth 8, Gloucester 16; Weston-super-Mare 6, Falmouth 0.—Reuter.

Facts which must be faced

Year	1946	1947	1948	1949
Notifications	2,801	4,855	6,279	7,510
Deaths	1,752	1,861	1,961	2,611

If you enjoy the blessing of good health, think of those who are victims of tuberculosis.

Donations may be sent to the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation; The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., The South China Morning Post, Ltd.; The China Mail; Wah Kiu Yat Po; The Hongkong Tiger Standard.

Cheques should be crossed: The Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

MUTUAL ESTEEM



George Mikan, professional basketball player, and jockey Steve Brooks, Derby winner, shake hands when honoured as tops by Sport Magazine, New York.

John Macadam's Column

SCOTS WILL SEND OFFICIALS TO RIO

Whatever decision the Scots come to on the question of whether they should or should not send a team to Rio—and the betting still is that they will be in there playing—it is certain that Scottish Football Association officials will be at the juncture.

The biennial congress of the Federation Internationale de Football Associations is held on June 22-23, the day before the first match of the series in Rio, and Messrs. Graham (SFA secretary) and Kirkwood, the SIFA executive committee man, will be there, anyhow.

This certainly is ammunition for the guns of the players who, rightly or wrongly, feel that they did well enough against England at Hampden to justify them in top of the public knowing you are being chipped by bit.

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Afterwards Paterson said to me: "Danny is a clever boy; he would be a world beater if he had my punch. He is one of those who give a silent hiding without the public knowing you are being chipped by bit."

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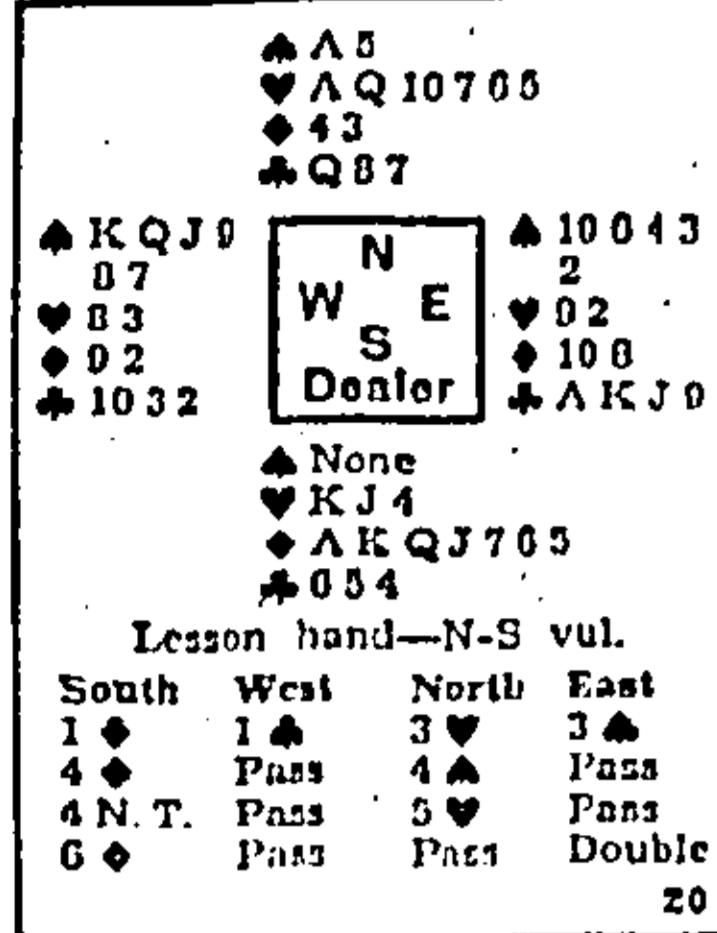
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• FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS •

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

LESSON HAND
MCKENNEY ON BRIDGEFollow Instruction
In Careful Bidding

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

WHILE I am not going to try to justify the fact that North and South got into a sham contract on today's hand, it does bring up a very good lesson in bidding. South's bid of one diamond certainly is sound. There are very few players with West's holding who would not bid one spade.

North's jump to three hearts shows a very powerful hand with control of at least two suits. East made a bid of three spades to show his partner that they might be in a position to take a sacrifice later on, and that he has some strength on the side, which his partner should realize.

South showed his long diamond suit and now North made the first mistake when he bid four spades. Why one-bid when the lead of another suit might defeat your contract?

South was optimistic and bidding four no-trumps with three small clubs. He really does not have any more than he advertised when he bid four and then four diamonds. Six in bidding six diamonds, he really was an optimist.

When East doubled the six-diamond bid was he asking his partner to lead a spade? Ordinarily, yes, but North has made a cue-bid in spades and East has shown some side strength.

Now, while it is true that the double of a six bid may ask you, as the partner of the doubler, to lead your suit, or to lead the first suit bid by dummy, or to make an unusual lead, I do not think in this case any of these theories apply.

South has bid and rebid diamonds, North has bid hearts and made a cue-bid in spades and East has supported spades. West, with his holding in spades should know that either North or South is void of spades.

Therefore, he should use a little common sense and open a club. You can see what happens. East will cash the first three club tricks while West, if a spade is opened, declarer will make 13 tricks.

Check Your
Knowledge

1. What is a gasogene? 2. What name is given by American cowboys to unbranded cattle?

3. Name the author of "J'accuse."

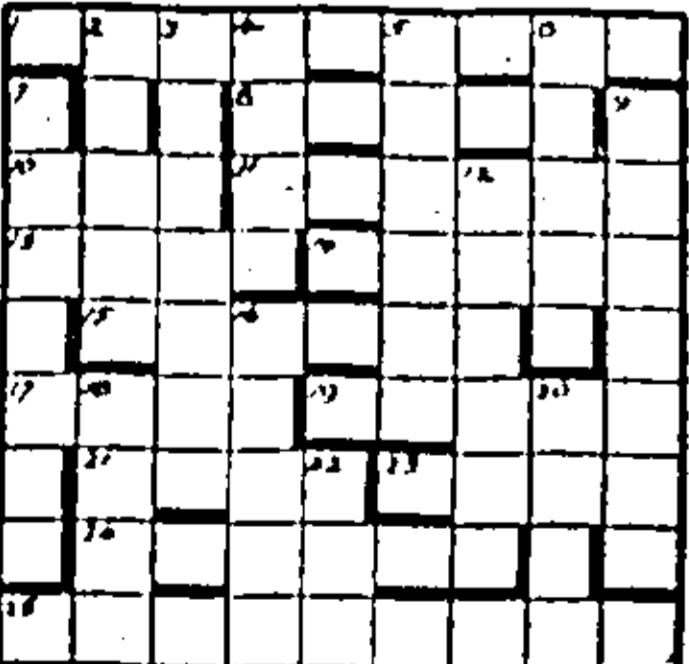
4. What do you call the respiratory organ of a fish?

5. What's the Highland Fling?

6. The bat is not a bird, what is it?

(Answers on Page 8)

CROSSWORD

DUMB-BELLS
AMERICAN OFFICE

THESE CITY SLICKERS CAN'T FOOL ME AGAIN I ONCE BOUGHT THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

CHINA FOR SALE

BY WAR

POW

MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

They kidnapped a general

ILL MET BY MOONLIGHT

W. Stanley Moss;

(Harrap, 10/-, 190 pp.)

ON April 26, 1944, the Commander of the German forces in Crete, Major-General Kreipe, left his H.Q. by car for his villa; on

the greatest adventures of the war. Designed to shatter the enemy's morale, the capture of General Kreipe was an exploit bristling with difficulties. That it

was successful is a tribute both to the dash of the British expedition, and to the fervent loyalty of the Cretan partisans.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

IF you are born today, your ambition and energy appear limitless. You will take on anything provided your interest is aroused. There is nothing you will not promise, and no lengths to which you will not go to make your word good. Perhaps you would be wiser to promise less in the first place.

You have a pleasant personality and one which attracts friends into your orbit. You are tactful and diplomatic in dealing with people and would do well in positions where you come in contact with the public. You can speak well and could be useful in politics. You will, however, have to have a definite cause or ideal to fight for or you will become restless. You are not one to fit into what is called "machine politics." There

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Side-step legal matters pertaining to an intended journey. Afternoon and evening are social.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—If planning on building, now is a good time to carry through important parts of your blue-prints.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Not a good time to settle on some new project. Postpone a contract or an agreement until later.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Conservative action is best just now. Avoid financial extravagance if you are wise.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Guard against faulty judgment. Don't blame others if something goes wrong.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Business matters need careful attention this morning. Pay attention to all details.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Hold off this morning on some projected business deal. When afternoon comes, difficulties pass away.

SOULS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Hanid Asked a Question

—And Of Course Punch Had All the Answers—

By MAX TRELL

HANID, the shadow-girl, found Mr Punch sitting in his chair by the window, reading a book. She went right up to him.

"Ah, my dear," said Mr Punch, looking up at Hanid and pushing his spectacles up to his forehead at the same time; "you look as if you have something very important to ask me."

Hanid smiled. "Maybe it's important, Mr Punch, and maybe it isn't. But there is something I'd like to ask you."

Mr. Punch waited for her to ask.

"Well," said Hanid, "this is what I'd like to ask. The fox is supposed to be clever, isn't he?"

"Yes indeed, he's the cleverest of the animals."

"Did you, by Jove?" said Mr. Punch, "I have heard of such a creature in your village. Hanid, are you serious?"

"Kunisada, aren't they?" said Hanid. "Kunisada's correct. There's a teacup from my uncle—Hanid's collection of prints—but it's not a teacup—it's a teacup with a sum of money accompanied the prints. Each time I buy a print, I give the artist plus £5 in return. Every print that went to someone else is different in respect of the artist's own prints. Ingenious, eh? I devised myself."

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"Yes indeed, he's the cleverest of the animals."

"How much cash did you get in cash?" I've got a lot," said Hanid. "I've got a lot. There was only £20 to be earned out altogether."

"How much cash went in?"

"I've got a lot."

(Solution on Page 8)

CHESSE PROBLEM

By S. E. E. FLATAU

Black, 7 pieces.

Hanid wanted to know about the fox.

White, 9 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

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GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE IN PRAGUE

Prague, Apr. 25.—Czechoslovakia announced today a major government reorganisation which boosted President Gottwald's son-in-law to the post of Defence Minister.

Observers believe that the move foreshadow an effort to purge the last pro-Western sympathisers from the army, and refashion it into a fighting organisation.

WORK BEGUN ON ERITREA REPORT

Geneva, Apr. 25.—The five-day United Nations Commission for Eritrea today began drafting its report to the General Assembly on the future of Italy's former colony and its 1,000,000 people.

From London, the United Press reports that Cepicka's appointment to direct the armed forces is linked by observers in the British capital with the recent meeting in Budapest of Soviet and Eastern European defence leaders.

Nothing has been disclosed officially regarding the discussions in Budapest. But some sources in London believe that the status and training of satellite armies was discussed. Cepicka gave vigorous leadership to the Czech government's anti-Church drive, and is expected to show the same vigour in his new post of Defence Minister.

Meetings in Geneva will be secret, with possible exceptions such as the shrewdly expected hearing of the views of the British Government as present administrator of Eritrea.

MOSLEM DESIRE

Dr Mian Ziaud Din said that most Eritrean Moslems wanted complete independence within a year of British trusteeship of 10 years.

Sections of the Dandeli tribe, in the Red Sea port of Assab, were the only Eritreans heard by the Commission to favour Italian trusteeship as a step towards independence.

The Chairman stated: "The Italian population of about 25,000, mostly in Asmara, were unanimous in their desire for Eritrean independence."

He added: "One important decision for the Commission will be whether a solution for Eritrea should be recommended on a cantonal or local basis, or whether the country should be considered as a whole."

The Commission released Geneva a few days ago after an exhaustive investigation of the situation in Eritrea.

Dr Mian Ziaud Din said: "We were very upset by acts of terrorism and rioting while we were there. We were greatly for the protection given us by the British."—Reuter.

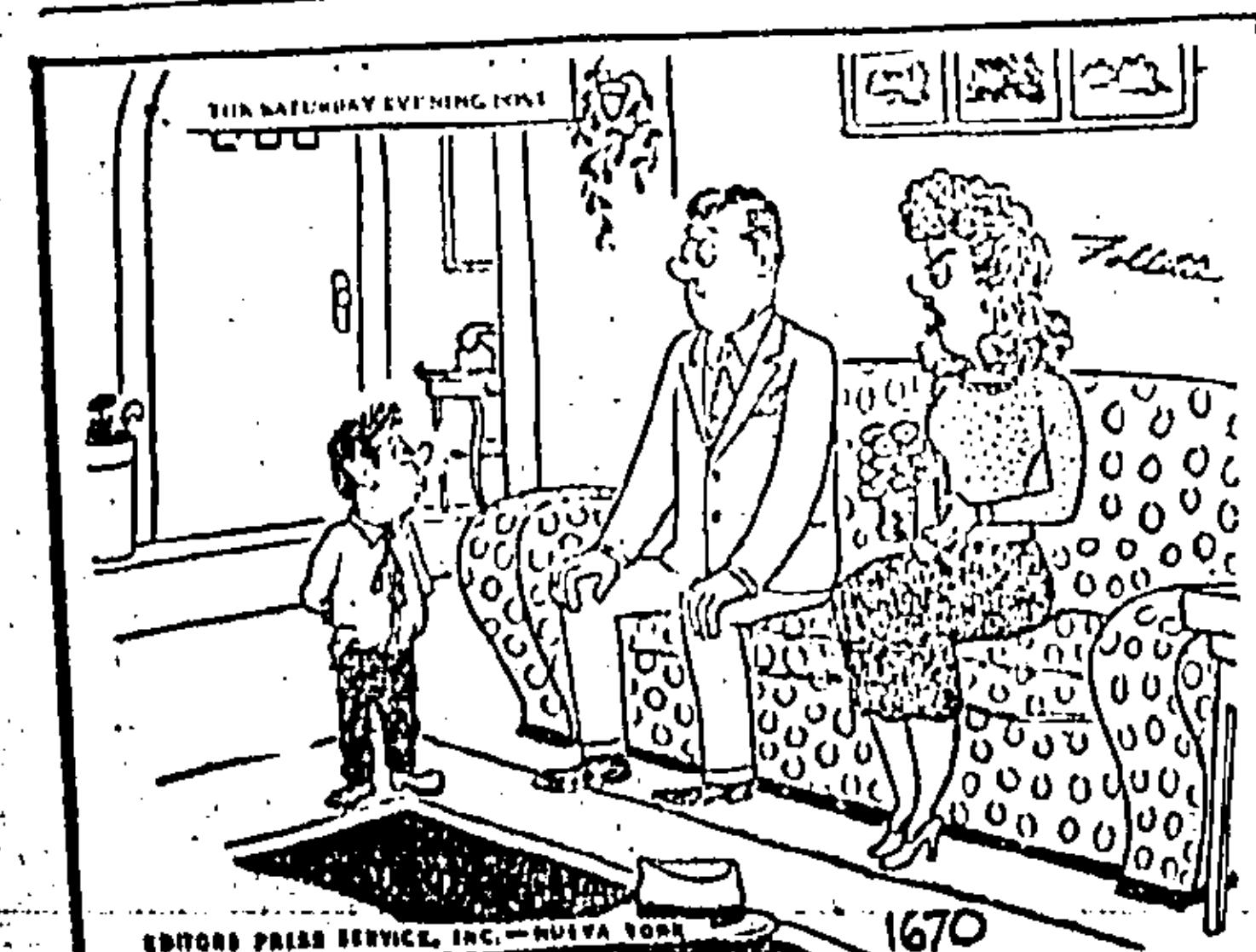
PRAYED ON WAY TO GALLOWS

Cairo, Apr. 25.—With a prayer on his lips, a young veterinary student mounted the gallows today and was hanged for the assassination of the former Premier, Mahmoud Fahmy el-Nokrashy Pasha, in December 1948.

The assassin, Abbel Meaid Ahmed Harsan, a bearded one-time veterinary college student, was unaware that the hour of his execution was at hand until officials removed him from his cell and led him away.

His mother visited him for the last time on Sunday. She knew that Tuesday had been set for the hanging, but remained smiling throughout her last moments with him. She collapsed shortly after she left his cell.

Hassan, dressed in a policeman's uniform shot and killed Nokrashy Pasha while the Egyptian leader was stepping into a lift in the Interior Ministry on December 26, 1948.—United Press.



"May I present my brother Theodore, whose bedtime it is past?"

Disputed Marriage



Alexei Cepicka was named Defence Minister, replacing General Ludvik Sloboda, who was given a Vice-Premiership to head the State's Office of Education and Sports.

At the same time, Stefan Rals, head of the Presidential Office, was appointed Minister of Justice, and Vice-Premier Zdenek Fierlinger was named Head of the State Church Office. Vojtech Kopecky kept his post as Minister of Information, while handing over the direction of sports and education to Sloboda, the government announcement said.

From London, the United Press reports that Cepicka's appointment to direct the armed forces is linked by observers in the British capital with the recent meeting in Budapest of Soviet and Eastern European defence leaders.

Nothing has been disclosed officially regarding the discussions in Budapest. But some sources in London believe that the status and training of satellite armies was discussed. Cepicka gave vigorous leadership to the Czech government's anti-Church drive, and is expected to show the same vigour in his new post of Defence Minister.

NO INTERNAL SHIFT

Sloboda was never openly identified as a Communist until long after the Communists took power in Prague. He has been known as a Communist supporter. But reports at the time said that the late President Eduard Benes had counted up to the last minute of his support in case of a show-down with the Communists. He has never been identified with top leadership within the Communist Party. His relinquishment of the Defence Ministry is therefore not connected with a shift of power within the inner circle of the country's Communist leaders.

The Chaiman stated: "The Italian population of about 25,000, mostly in Asmara, were unanimous in their desire for Eritrean independence."

He added: "One important decision for the Commission will be whether a solution for Eritrea should be recommended on a cantonal or local basis, or whether the country should be considered as a whole."

The Commission released Geneva a few days ago after an exhaustive investigation of the situation in Eritrea.

Dr Mian Ziaud Din said: "We were very upset by acts of terrorism and rioting while we were there. We were greatly for the protection given us by the British."—Reuter.

VIETNAM WANTS FULL FREEDOM

Hanoi, Apr. 25.—The North Vietnam Governor, Nguyen Tri, wants the United States to mediate in the French-Vietnamese independence dispute. The Governor told the United Press that mediation would be the only peaceful solution to the Vietnam problem.

"We are perfectly willing to present our case to a neutral mediator, preferably the United States, and abide by its decision," he said. "Since the French have exhibited a lack of sincerity, we believe this to be the only way of ending the warfare which has stripped the country. Naturally, we would prefer a friendly solution with France if it were possible."

Governor Tri, who has been identified as Vietnam's first ambassador to America, said no Vietnamese considered the present government completely independent, and would never be satisfied until French rule is abolished.

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The Rumanians are charged with espionage and black market currency deals "on behalf of their Anglo-American masters."

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